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1. [REDACTED] inquired as to the status of the liaison services survey which the Office of Security has conducted. (Bob Bannerman later furnished me a brief memorandum in answer to this question, and I forwarded it to Walt.)

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2. John Clarke was down to give me a very brief report on his trip.

a. He was very much impressed with the desirability and the economy of the communications unification program in Europe on behalf of the Government as a whole. In his report he is going to state in very strong terms that he believes we should proceed with this program. I told John that I had no quarrel with this position but said that we would have to convince the Director of the desirability of this program, and the Office of Communications would need more money and more slots in order to move forward.

b. John alerted me to several things which he anticipated I would encounter on my trip, particularly at the Support Officers' Conference [REDACTED]

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(1) The Support Officers are very interested in the status of our retirement legislation. (This will, of course, be no problem.)

(2) Housing is another problem that will also come up for general discussion. (We should be able to handle this.)

(3) Many are concerned and want to know what the Agency is going to do about the inequity of the present pay legislation which permits grade GS-15's to draw more money in some instances than grade GS-16's. There really isn't anything we can do about this since the Comptroller General has ruled that CIA must not use its special authorities to solve administrative problems common to the Government in general, and this problem is certainly one which falls in this category.

c. John inquired about the status of our presentation in support of the new Printing Services Division building, and I told him that Mr.

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Kirkpatrick has the essential facts and presentation and that we stand ready to back him up with more details at any time he requests them.

d. John also pushed about his space problem. I telephoned [REDACTED] and asked him to come up with some plan on this without further delay. It seems to me that enough time has elapsed now since we decided to move the Office of Finance out of the building that we should know what we are going to do with the space which is being vacated. While I was talking with him, George said that he was planning to put a Central Travel Bureau only temporarily in close proximity to the Central Processing Branch. I told him that I did not like this idea and that we should find some way to locate it there permanently. [REDACTED] should get onto this and see that some firm plans are made in the very near future.)

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3. Mr. McCone telephoned to say that, when he and Mrs. McCone were downtown at the East Building on Sunday, 5 April, they had noticed that the trees in the quadrangle were not being properly cared for. Mr. McCone said that Mrs. McCone is a very good horticulturist and that she said the ivy should be cut back from the trees to a three- or four-foot circle around the tree. I told Mr. McCone that we would certainly take care of this right away. (I talked to [REDACTED] about it, and he assured me that it would be taken care of promptly. However, when I saw [REDACTED] on Friday at the Supervisors Course, he said that this had not been done because they could not get the National Park Service to do it, etc., etc. I told him that, if he couldn't get the National Park Service to do it, he had better get one of his own men over there to do it right away.)

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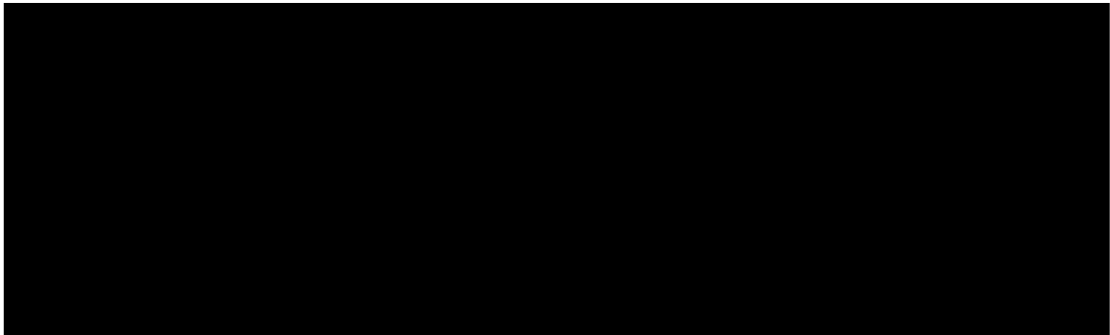
4. I lunched with the first Midcareer Class and had a chance to chat with them a bit. I was pleased that this group seems to have some fraternity spirit and has an intention of getting together periodically to maintain their class spirit. This gave me a chance to chat with some of these people, and I gathered that in some cases their Career Services have not bothered to try to make out a five-year program. Some Career Services have even gone so far as to create the impression that, "Well, Buddy, you were lucky to get six weeks off to go to this Course, and don't bother me about a long-range program." This attitude is more prevalent in the DD/P area than elsewhere. In any case I was not satisfied that there have been very many five-year programs projected, even in the DD/S; and I think that we should follow up on this. Also, in chatting with the DD/P people I am more convinced than ever that the DD/P careerists in grade GS-11 and below are oriented toward an Area Division and not oriented toward the Clandestine Services as a whole. In fact, I think that this goes for those in much higher grades in many instances, but it is almost universally so in the lower grades.

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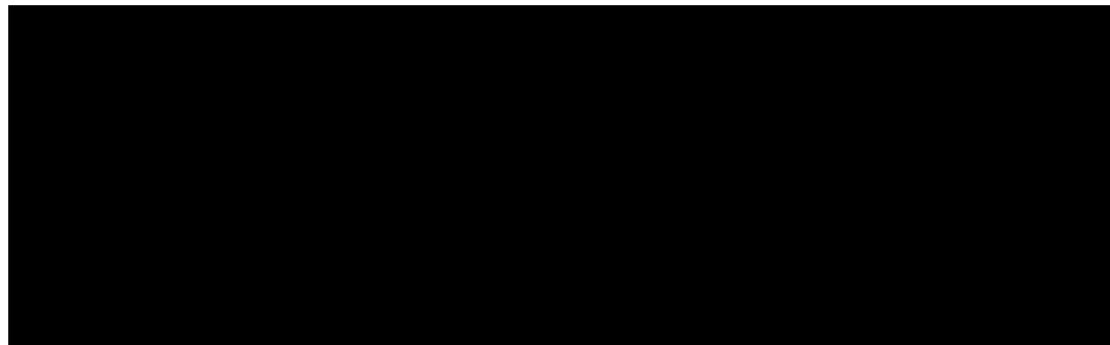
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